

Morning Telegram.

GRAND RAPIDS, JULY 1, 1896.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS

The corner stones of the new St. James Church at Bay City was laid on Sunday. Class voted on Monday to bond the village for \$5,000 to construct a system of water works.

The new Baptist Church at West Bay City was occupied on Sunday morning for the first time.

Grandville is talking of protecting herself from fire by means of a well with a large windmill.

The improvements at Muskegon on Monday were 3,000 feet of lumber, 235 cords of slate and \$10,000 worth.

The Barnum man at Leavenworth is still running and is likely to keep on, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Burgars entered an Iaity City store on Sunday night and carried away several suits of clothing, but no money.

Eddie Burns, aged 14, living at Detroit forest a blind vagrant while excusing at the circus grounds on Monday and died very soon.

The funeral of Mrs. Perry Allen, of Pontiac, who died last Thursday, was held on Sunday. The remains were taken to New Jersey for interment.

Three of the Muskegon boomer company's tags carry cooks, and have cabins fitted up with every convenience for living aboard in first-class comfort.

The Owosso Gas Light Company is pushing things. The sewer pipes are all laid and the company will light the city by the first day of September.

The Michigan contingent at Portland was presented with a bronze model as a souvenir of the occasion. Maj. Gil R. Osman says no State made a better appearance.

Miss Root, aged 17, committed suicide at Farmington by hanging herself in her room Sunday night. The coroner's jury has been unable to find any reason for her death.

It is reported at Kalamazoo that Boynton has sold his street car line franchise in that city to Philadelphia partners, an agent for whom inspected the lines on Saturday.

The barn of Erwin Stewart, two miles east of St. Louis, burned on Sunday; loss \$1,200; insured for \$400. It is supposed the fire was set by a tramp, accidentally or otherwise.

Big Tom Milligan escaped from the insane hospital at the House of Correction at Ionia on Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. He was captured in an hour after his escape.

Chas. Barry, who was wounded in the circus affray at Hancock and killed his assailant, is now expected to recover. He lies in a hotel now. Over twenty circus men are held as witnesses.

A farmer by the name of Fitzpatrick, living north of Owosso, disappeared two weeks ago and his friends fear foul play, as he had considerable money with him and was becoming demented.

The clothes of a little girl named Kettell, living at Bay City, caught fire on Monday evening, and burned the child frightfully from the knees to the shoulders. The doctor says she will die.

The 10 o'clock a.m. train at Detroit ran into a drove of cows, killed ten and fatally injured four others. The train was going at such a speed that it could not be stopped.

The clothing house of N. McBain, of Owosso, was closed Saturday by an attachment and an assignment has been made in favor of his creditors. He is a great favorite and has many sympathizers.

John More, of Chicago, was arrested at Sand Lake for entering the house of William Crane, a farmer living near Adrian, and taking jewelry and other property. The property was found on his person.

The big elephant Beller threw one of the caravans against the canvas at Detroit on Sunday while the stakes were being driven preparatory to chaining him to the elephant's up. The man was not much injured, only knocked out.

Bob H. Baker, local editor of the Union City Register, has taken a step downward. He resigned his position, and will henceforth act as shipping clerk and time keeper for the St. John's manufacturing Company, at St. Johns, Clinton county.

A kerosene lamp exploded in Medalie's dry goods store at Cadillac. Sunday morning, burnt a chair, carpet, etc., and finally went out for want of air. The damage was slight but might have been serious as the store is one of the largest business blocks.

The new postmaster at Marine City finds his post office with roses entirely. Some of the citizens say that before his appointment he promised them he would locate the office at the upper end of the town, but now it is understood that he will place it further down. So there is war.

Charles W. Fonda, discharged from the Detroit House of Correction on a habeas corpus last week, where he was serving a five years sentence for embezzling \$1,000 from the Farmers' National Bank of Constantine in 1882, reached home on Sunday night and was immediately re-arrested on the old charge.

Ishpeming and Negaunee want the branch prison situated midway between the two cities. Marquette also wants it, and so there is a deadlock in the commission. Gov. Alger will cast the deciding vote. It is thought that Marquette will lose the county seat if she gets the prison, as Ishpeming and Negaunee will vote together for its removal.

The same old story that we hear so often now comes from Memphis. A twelve-year-old son of Andrew Dwyer and a son of Mrs. Rogers, of the same age, were playing with a shotgun when it went off suddenly sending a full load of shot into the head of the little Dwyer boy. He lived only an hour afterward. The gun was not known to be loaded.

A man three miles south of Royal Oak was stoning under a tree during Saturday's storm, when the lightning stripped off his shirt, burned his body, and fearfully paralyzed him. The rainfall was in great white sheets for four hours, crops were washed out and a man was killed by lightning ten miles west of Royal Oak. The estimated damage to crops, etc., is \$10,000.

At 3 o'clock Sunday morning the night watchman at Wickes' New machine-shops at East Saginaw saw a man walking toward the river, his coat on his arm. The man not returning, the watchman went to the dock and discovered the coat and hat of the stranger, but not the man. The coat is a dark sack and the hat is broad-brimmed and black. Short gray hairs were found in the hat, indicating an old man. It is supposed he fell or jumped into the river.

A MOTHER'S INSANE ACT.
The Incompetency of Temper Which Led a Woman to Murder Her Offspring.
[Battavia N. Y. Special]

Darius Scott Spring is a rich farmer in the town of Alexander. His first wife died six years ago, and he married his second wife in Kansas in 1880. Spring's family consisted of his wife, her two children—Ernest, aged three years, and Newton, two years old—and three daughters of his first wife, aged respectively fifteen, ten and seven years. Ernest was the eldest and was away attending school. Two years ago Mrs. Spring began to manifest an intense hatred for the children of her husband's first wife, and very frequently became violent on the subject. At other times she treated them kindly. Yesterday morning she was in an unusual rage, and when she struck one of the little girls three blows on the head the father remonstrated with her. She threatened to kill him if he interfered. The little girls were taken as a neighbor's for safe-keeping, and the father went to work in his sugar bush. When he returned to the house, just before noon, accompanied by his two hired men, he found the door locked. He looked into the windows and saw smoke. He burst open the kitchen door and found the smoke so dense that he could scarcely see. He rushed in and rescued some valuable papers from his sleeping room and called his men. The interior of the house was found to be on fire. The men entered the house through the front hall, where there was less smoke, and began to extinguish the flames. As Mr. Spring passed through a door into the dining room he discovered the body of his wife on the floor. Near her lay her infant Newton, and near the outside door of the kitchen was found the body of Ernest. Mrs. Spring's limbs were almost nude, her clothing having been burned off, and the clothing on the upper part of her body was burning. The fire was extinguished with water. The right side of her body was burned to a crisp. The children were not so badly burned. Although their clothing had been on fire, their death is supposed to have resulted from suffocation.

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